
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE USE OF TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF
ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, the use of petroleum accounts for ninety per cent
2 of the State's energy needs; and

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4 WHEREAS, this overdependency on fossil fuel leaves the
5 State extremely vulnerable to oil embargos, supply disruptions,
6 international market dysfunctions, and other risks; and

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8 WHEREAS, the continued consumption of petroleum negatively
9 impacts the State's environment; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii has an abundance of renewable energy
12 resources, such as solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and ocean
13 energy; and

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15 WHEREAS, the increased use of renewable energy resources
16 would achieve broad societal benefits including energy self-
17 sufficiency, environmental sustainability, economic development,
18 and job creation; and

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20 WHEREAS, the use of renewable energy resources can be
21 increased by providing tax incentives for the construction or
22 repairs of buildings or the sale or installation of equipment
23 related to renewable energy resources to produce:

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25 (1) Energy from an energy source or the utilization of an
26 energy process that does not use fossil fuels or
27 nuclear fuels; or

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29 (2) An increased level of efficiency in the utilization of
30 energy produced by fossil fuels or in the utilization
31 of secondary forms of energy dependent upon fossil
32 fuels for its generation; and



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WHEREAS, an energy source may include solid wastes, wind, geothermal, solar, or ocean waves, tides, or currents; and

WHEREAS, an energy process may include bioconversion, hydroelectric power, thermal conversion, or osmosis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature supports the use of tax incentives (i.e., general excise tax) to encourage the use of alternate energy sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Director of Taxation, the Chair of the Hawaii Chapter of Sierra Club, and the President of the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance.

OFFERED BY: _____

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